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OUTLINES.

Favorable report is authorized on Representative Burleson's bill providing for collection of cotton statistics. —— Jno. E. Albright appointed postmaster at Mount Airy, N. C. —— Furniture company's plant at Memphis burned; loss $50,000. —— The U. S. battleship squadron left Ponce, P. R., yesterday for Galveston. —— The Crown Prince of Saxony has been granted a divorce. —— Eight fires were raging at the same time yesterday in Tampa, Fla.; the total loss was about $50,000. —— Advices from Gautemala are that the entire republic is declared in a state of seige. —— A negro was shot and killed at Kinston, N. C., by officers who were trying to arrest him. —— A salesman for a New York jewelry firm committed suicide in New Orleans. —— Two men killed and one wounded in a railroad accident near Tifton, Ga. —— The American Tobacco Co. has sent five million pounds of the weed to Japan. —— The Audubon theatre, New Orleans, was destroyed by fire last night. —— Eight men burned and injured by a colliery explosion near Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania. —— New York markets: Money on call steady; cotton quiet at 9 80c; flour was quiet; wheat—spot weak, No. 2 red 81½c; corn—spot easier, No. 2 63½c; oats—spot steady, No. 2 43¼c; rosin—firm; spirits turpentine dull.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 11.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature: 8 A. M., 65 degrees; 8 P. M., 58 degrees; maximum, 69 degrees; minimum, 47 degrees; mean, 58 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 0 19; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2.29 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Tuesday 31 5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Washington, Feb. 11.—For North Carolina—Fair Thursday; colder in east portion; fresh west winds; Friday increasing cloudiness; probably rain in west portion.

Port Almanac—February 12.

Sun Rises	6.53 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.37 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 44 M.
High Water at Southport	8.05 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	10.35 A. M.

Hon. Grover Cleveland is having too good a time fishing in Florida to stop to answer questions about the next Presidency.

It is said that Maud Gonne is about to retire from the "Joan of Arc" role. We hadn't heard from Maude for so long that we concluded she had already gone into retirement.

It appears that Mr. Justice is "whistling against the wind" in his efforts to have a bill pass the Legislature requiring locomotive engineers to toot their whistles every time they see a man on the track.

After cleaning out the Filipiners the American authorities turned their attention to cleaning up Manila, a la Havana, with the result, it is said, that Manila is one of the cleanest cities in the East.

The latest Boer story is that agents from the Transvaal who have been prospecting in Texas have closed a deal for a tract of 200,000 acres in the Southwestern portion of the State to which a lot of them propose to trek.

According to the latest report from Vienna, Giron got $100,000 to drop Princess Louise, and Louise collapsed because she was refused permission to see her children and went to a sanitarium. That is about the sanest thing she has done for some time.

One of the principal industries among the rural population of Bulgaria is the cultivation of roses for the oil, which sells, according to quality, at from $50 to $200 a pound, which looks like a high price; but it takes a good many roses to make a pound of oil, one drop of which it is said will perfume a pint of alcohol.

One of the facts brought to light by the anthracite coal mine investigation is that there are too many men in the mines for the work done. It seems that three men are employed to do work that could be done by two and consequently the three do not have the steady employment or earn as much as the two could.

Among other things Belgium is noted for its powerful horses and dogs. Although not large a pair of these horses will draw with apparent ease a load of four or five tons on a wagon that weighs a ton, while some of the dogs, which are used there as draft animals, and are raised for this purpose, will draw a cart with a load of 1,000 pounds.

CRUELTY TO CONVICTS

Investigation of Alleged Inhuman Treatment to Prisoners in Mitchell County.

THE REPORTS OVERDRAWN.

So Says Chairman Morton, of the Legislative Committee—Witnesses Who Testified in Marion Tuesday. Now in Raleigh—Notes.

[Special Star Telegram.]

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 11.—Chairman Morton, of the House Committee on Penal Institutions, who is a member of the special committee to investigate charges of cruelty to penitentiary convicts at Marion, said tonight that the committee regards the report of the investigation published this morning, especially those in the Charlotte and Raleigh papers, as very much overdrawn. Parts of the testimony to counteract the sensational charges were omitted, thereby making an unfair showing for the prison authorities.

The committee returned to Raleigh from their investigating trip this afternoon and will hear further testimony of witnesses in defence of the penitentiary authorities at the prison here Friday.

The special committee at Marion Tuesday heard a number of witnesses and adjourned to meet in Raleigh. One of the reports alleged by Chairman Morton to be overdrawn is as follows:

J. C. L. Bird, who brought the charges placed the men on the stand who testified that the shackled convicts were marched twenty-six miles over a road which was on an average five inches deep in mud, that some of the men lost their shoes; that when they could not go on they were cursed by guards, and that sick men were cursed for groaning; that the men reached Marion about 6 o'clock, were placed on cars, and were not taken off until daylight of tue third day. It was stated that there were two very sick men in the lot when the squad reached Marion, and it was thought that one of them was dead. Nearly all the others were very much exhausted.

In rebuttal, Prison Superintendent J. S. Mann read copies of orders to show that he was not responsible for any mistreatment of the men, and Supervisor Lashley, who had personal charge of the movement, declared that he saw no evidence of cruelty to convicts, and the march was not an unusual one. The result of the hearing in some measure established the charges without fixing the responsibility. Evidence was also submitted showing that on previous occasions sick convicts had been allowed to fall in the mud and lie in the rain at the depot here. Superintendent Mann said he thought this was a mistake on the part of the witness.

LOCAL DOTS.

— A boy who can feed Job Presses is wanted at the Star.

— The "Inter Nos Pleasure Club" will give its annual dance in Hibernian Hall to-night.

— License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mrs. Minnie Grady and Mr. Newton Rowan, both of Delgado.

— The Carolina Yacht Club will hold its annual meeting in the Court House next Monday night at 8:15 o'clock.

— Hollowbush's Orchestra, Prof. C. W. Hollowbush and Mr. Frank P. Turrentine returned from Newbern yesterday.

— Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., will hold a special convocation this evening at 8 o'clock to confer the Past Master's degree.

— Mr. D. L. T. Capps, who recently purchased a tract of land at Seventeenth and Market streets, is building five five-room cottages thereon for renting purposes.

— "A Night at the Circus" Company has closed on account of poor business, and consequently will not play at the Academy the 21st inst. This date will be filled by the Mabel Paige Company.

— Miss Eloise Neely and Mr. Hugh Reynolds Cowles, of Statesville, were married at 6 o'clock yesterday evening at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. William Alexander Lawrence, No. 413 Church street.

Valentine Party To-Night.

The N. N. S. Society of Fifth Street M. E. church will give a delightful "heart party" at the residence of Capt. Edgar D. Williams, Sixth and Ann streets, this evening. No admission will be charged and a delightful programme of music, etc., will be rendered. Refreshments will be served. Miss Mamie McGirt is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

Merchants' Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors of the Merchants' Association was held last night in its rooms in the Seaboard Air Line building, President Jno. H. Rehder presiding. The work of the meeting was principally routine and was taken up with discussion of broadening the scope and usefulness of the organization during the new fiscal year.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. D. Brown—To the public.
A. David Co.—To our friends.
Hall & Pearsall—Seed potatoes.
Gaston D. Phares & Co.—At cost.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Male stenographer.

GEN. CHAFFEE COMING

Distinguished Army Officer Will Arrive To-night En Route to Fort Caswell.

FROM CHARLESTON, S. C.

Accompanied by His Staff—On His Annual Tour of Inspection—No Public Entertainment Has Been Arranged by the City.

Major General Adna R. Chaffee, commanding the Department of the East, U. S. A., who is now inspecting the army posts in his jurisdiction, will arrive in Wilmington from Charleston, S. C., on the 11:45 P. M. train tonight, accompanied by his staff and on to-morrow they will go down to Fort Caswell for an official inspection there.

An Associated Press telegram last night stated that Gen. Chaffee and staff arrived at Charleston yesterday afternoon from Fort Fremont, Port Royal, and would to-day inspect the military post at Sullivan's Island, now known as Fort Getty. The distinguished army officer will leave Charleston this afternoon and after visiting Fort Caswell, he will continue northward, inspecting posts until Feb. 26th, when he will return to his headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y. He will then have inspected every coast fort from New Orleans to New York.

Owing to his unexpected arrival there will be no public reception to General Chaffee by the city of Wilmington. It is to be regretted that such is the case. Gen. Chaffee has been entertained in all of the cities which he has visited. When in Atlanta two weeks ago he was accorded a reception and entertained by several prominent citizens. He is third in command in the United States army, and in all probability will some day be at the head of the army. When Gen. Miles, the present lieutenant general of the army, retires, Maj. Gen. Young will succed to the head and Gen. Chaffee will be second in command.

The inspection is the regular annual one. Besides the report on the inspection Gen. Chaffee makes recommendations, as the result of the inquiries made at each post. The inspection last year was made by Gen. John R. Brooks. The officers at the fort are of course prepared for an inspection whenever it is the pleasure of Gen. Chaffee to make one.

The party accompanying Gen. Chaffee to Wilmington will be Colonel Levermore, engineer corps; Captain Lindsay, infantry corps; Lieutenant Harper, first lieutenant Seventh cavalry, who was also lieutenant colonel of the First Illinois volunteers in the Spanish-American war, and Mr. Howell.

PRETTY VALENTINE PARTY.

Mrs. Jas. F. Woolvin Delightfully Entertained the Parish Guild.

The Parish Guild of St. John's Episcopal church gave a delightful valentine party from 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to 10 o'clock yesterday evening at the pretty home of Mrs. James F. Woolvin, No. 503 Chesnut street. Mr. and Mrs. Woolvin proved themselves most excellent host and hostess and the large number of young people who attended were charmed with their reception. The residence was beautifully decorated with pink hearts, while the tea tables were beautiful in a charming decoration of Valentine novelties, flowers and potted plants.

Each guest was presented at the door with a catchy little souvenir in the design of a valentine heart. During the evening the party was delighted with a number of musical selections which included a piano solo by Miss Sarah Catlett; vocal solos by Miss Mildred Davis, Mr. W. L. Williford and Mr. H. E. O'Keef, a piano selection by Miss Julia Post and numerous other features of entertainment. Rev. Wm. Francis Dickinson, rector of St. Paul's parish, recited "A Quaker Girl" with much effect. Miss Fannie Corbett very pleasingly rendered the accompaniments.

FOR ASSAULTING OFFICER HARRISS

John Robinson, White, Held for March Term of Superior Court.

John Robinson, the young white man who started a domestic difficulty on Second street shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday morning, and who assaulted Policeman W. M. Harris because he went in to demand quiet, was held for the March term of Superior Court in a justified bond of $50, by the Mayor yesterday at noon. At last accounts Robinson had not given the bond and was still confined. At the hearing he pleaded drunkenness as a palliation for his offence.

Officer Harriss testified that Robinson made at him with a knife or other sharp instrument, and exhibited a heavy overcoat, which was badly slashed through on the shoulder, his uniform coat underneath having also been slashed. Robinson's wife, who was Mrs. Florence McDougald did not appear in court to testify against her husband for disorderly conduct.

Real Estate Transfers.

By deeds filed for record yesterday T. C. Miller and wife, of Norfolk, transferred to Pembroke Jones for $375, lot No. 8 according to MacRae's survey of Wrightsville Sound, and Robert A. Montgomery and wife transferred to Mrs. Henry E. Bonitz for $1,000, residence and lot on north side of Princess, between Seventh and Eighth streets, 50x55 feet in size.

THE TIMBER PIRATES

Their Operations on the Rivers Causing Much Annoyance to Legitimate Enterprises.

STANDARD POLE AND TIE CO.

New York Concern That Has Headquarters at Wilmington—News of the Markets and Shipping Yesterday—Three Schooners Arrived in Port.

The Standard Pole and Tie Company, of 133 to 137 Front street, New York, which recently removed its Southern headquarters from Maxton, N. C., to Wilmington with offices in the Smith building, is doing a fine business in juniper telegraph, telephone and trolley poles and cross-ties. The offices here are in charge of Mr. J. W. Davis, a native North Carolinian and a business man of pleasing manner and excellent business qualifications. People find pleasant dealing with this company and its business is rapidly increasing. Last year $150,000 was paid out in this section and this season the company expects to do a $250,000 business. It now has on its yards here 20,000 poles ready for shipment. Mr. Davis says his company as well as others are now annoyed very much up the various streams by timber pirates. They frequently cut a raft in two by stealth and then pick it up down the river and claim that the property was found afloat. The Standard Pole and Tie Co. has been annoyed so much lately by this practice that it now proposes to resort to extreme measures. The law prohibits such misdemeanors and Mr. Davis promises to see in the future that the law is enforced against any and all offenders.

Naval stores men are of the opinion that the high water mark has been reached in spirits turpentine, though no reaction is looked for before April at least. The demand is good and stock is scarce. Yesterday's receipts at Wilmington were the largest, however, of any day in several months—92 casks. The quotations at Wilmington and Savannah have remained unchanged for two days at 65 cents. The receipts of tar here yesterday were perhaps the heaviest of any one day in ten years—1,143 barrels. The price remains unchanged at $1.65, with good demand.

The British steamer *Daventry*, which put in here several weeks ago in distress, has finished discharging her cargo of cotton and naval stores into the British steamer *Eastry* and both have cleared. The last named will sail for Manchester with the *Daventry's* cargo and the *Daventry* will proceed to Newport News, Va., for repairs. The work of discharging the disabled vessel was accomplished by the Diamond Steamboat and Wrecking Company, of this city.

Three schooners arrived in port yesterday. The *Bayard Hopkins*, 312 tons, Capt. Eskridge, came from Philadelphia with a cargo of fertilizers and will proceed, upon discharging, to Georgetown, S. C. The *Chas. H. Walston*, 287 tons, Capt. Hinckley, arrived from Carteret, N. J., with fertilizers for interior shipment and the *Helen G. Mosely*, 502 tons, Capt. Gray, came from New York for a cargo from the Cape Fear Lumber Co.

The river steamboat *Hurt*, which was disabled 36 miles above Wilmington this week, returned here and after completing repairs proceeded again yesterday. The *Hawes* also cleared yesterday for Hallsville on Northeast river, Capt. W. McK Robinson in command.

The steamer *Southport* has received a handsome new coat of paint and her overhauling is complete. She resumed her schedule yesterday.

THE HOSPITAL AMBULANCE FUND.

Two Substantial Contributions Received Yesterday—Acknowledgements.

The Star received yesterday two additional and very substantial contributions to the hospital ambulance fund from Mrs. Wm. H. Sprunt and Mr. B. G. Worth, each of whom gave $10 each. The contributions to date have been as follows:

Mrs James F. Payne	$ 5 00
Mr. W. B. Cooper	5 00
Mr. M. S. Willard	10 00
Mr. J. V. Grainger	5 00
Cash	50
Mrs. W. J. H. Bellamy	5 00
A Friend	1 50
Mr. Geo. H. Hutaff	5 00
Master Isaac B. Grainger	1 00
Mrs. W. H. Sprunt	10 00
Mr. B. G. Worth	10 00
Total	$58 00

The incident of the fireman who was injured at yesterday's fire, and had to be sent to the hospital in a hose wagon, is but another mild emphasis of the emergency that some day may occur, when the consequences will be fatal. The Star will keep the list of subscriptions open to-day for any others who may desire to help a noble cause.

Pretty Church Entertainment.

A most enjoyable entertainment was held at the residence of Mr. G. W. Felger on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the young ladies Bible class, of St. Paul's Episcopal church. The Young People's Social Circle of the church united with them and every effort was made to enable all present to pass a pleasant evening. The rooms of Mrs. Felger's residence were filled to their utmost capacity, and the social amusements and intercourse of the evening were heartily entered into and enjoyed. Excellent refreshments were served and a neat sum was realized.

CREATE NEW COUNTY

One to Be Made from Parts of Harnett, Moore and Chatham Counties.

LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

Coast Line Invokes Aid of Corporation Commission in Petty Town Ordinances—New A. & M. Building. Farmers' Protective Ass'n.

[Special Star Telegram.]

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 11.—The House of Representatives to-day passed the bill incorporating the North Carolina Farmers Protective Association, prepared and backed by Col. Jno. S. Cunningham and Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State.

An important bill introduced was by Siler to establish a new county, to be known as Lee county, and made up of portions of Moore, Harnett and Chatham. The people of Sanford and Jonesboro and the surrounding section are moving for the new county. A committee, composed of Messrs. W. A Monroe, A. L. McNeill, A. A. F. Seawell and Wm. Campbell, reached Raleigh Tuesday to present the matter. The proposed county, with Sanford as the county seat, includes about 300 square miles, made up as follows: From Harnett 27 square miles, from Chatham 90 square miles, from Moore 174 square miles. The boundary between this territory and Chatham county is the Pee Dee River and the Cape Fear River. The aggregate value of taxable property is $1,948,557.

Other bills introduced were:

By Abell, supplementary to the act to restore self government to Brunswick county. This passed its readings later.

Abell, to make more effective the laws against stealing rides on trains.

Notable among bills passed by the House were to allow Fayetteville to issue bonds; to direct the commissioners of Pender in the use of their sinking fund; to incorporate Shallotte, Brunswick county.

The Senate passed a bill allowing railroad companies to file petitions with the Corporation Commission in cases where speed of trains in passing through towns is limited by ordinance, the Corporation Commission to go to the town complained of to hear the case. It is principally for the relief of the A. C. L. in certain eastern towns which require trains to pass through at four miles or less an hour.

Another important bill passed was to regulate the duties and liabilities of hotel keepers. It prescribes that hotelists shall not be liable for over $100 baggage lost, unless the owner previously gives him notice that it is of greater value; then he will be liable for the full value.

The Justice "Whistle Bill" was made the special order for Friday, when it will come up under unfavorable report.

The Senate passed a bill to regulate fees of justices of the peace in claim and delivery cases.

The bill to refund State Treasurer Lacey $314, embezzled by Major Martin, Ex-State Treasurer Worth's institutional clerk, while coaching Mr. Lacey's clerks, when the administrations changed, was argued spiritedly some time and tabled.

The opposition was that it would be a bad precedent and unfair to ex-Treasurer Worth, who lost $16,000 by Martin's defalcations during his administration.

The bill prohibiting fire crackers over three inches long, toy pistols and air rifles passed second reading, and on objection went over until to-morrow.

There was some discussion of the proposition to change the penitentiary building to an insane asylum. Senator Travis said the matter had heretofore been investigated and was found impracticable. Senator Hicks was added by the president to the committee to investigate for this Legislature.

The joint committee on Agriculture heard addresses to-night from Dr. Winston and several members of the faculty and students on the need of an agricultural building at the A. & M. College and decided to report favorably the Scott bill appropriating $50,000 for the purpose. Only one vote was cast against it.

GEORGIA MINSTRELS TO-DAY.

Parade at 1:45 P. M.—Matinee and Night. Mabel Paige Next Week.

The original Georgia Minstrels come to the Academy to-day to amuse at matinee and night. Both performances will, no doubt, be largely attended, but especially the latter, as to-night the colored people, as usual, will be allowed half of the downstairs. However, at the matinee performance this afternoon they will not be permitted to use any portion of the lower part of the house. This will be held exclusively for the white people, who will be provided with a separate entrance and a separate box-office. The admission will be 25 and 50 cents.

The usual parade will be given at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon, upon the arrival of the train from the South.

Mabel Paige and her star company will return to the Academy next Monday night for an engagement of a week. With but one exception all new plays will be presented and an entire new line of specialties will be introduced at each performance. Among the latter will be the Great Martynne.

Seats for the opening performance Monday night will be placed on sale at Plummer's to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. All reserved seats will be 30 cents each.

Two matinees will be given (the first one next Wednesday afternoon) and hereafter tickets will be sold for these performances in advance at Plummer's and special arrangements have been made to prevent anything like a jam or any inconvenience at the theatre.

The Governor's Picture.

Prof. D. M. Bain, teacher of vocal music in the country schools, has offered a very handsome picture of Governor Aycock to the school making the most rapid progress in singing during the term. The picture will be handsomely framed, suitable for school room decoration.

—Messrs. McKay McKinnon, of Red Springs, and R. Y. McPherson, of Raleigh, two popular insurance men, are at The Orton.

YESTERDAY'S FIRE.

It Was One of the Most Destructive in Wilmington in Several Years.

LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

Department Controlled the Blaze by 5 A. M.—Notes and Incidents of the Conflagration—Removing Into New Quarters—The Cause.

As the Star was going to press yesterday in time to catch the early morning mails, a fierce fire which broke out at 2:35 A. M. in the basement of the large, three-story, brick dry goods store of Capt. A. D. Brown, No. 29 North Front street, had just been gotten under control by the firemen with only partial loss to property adjoining. The details were given in yesterday's paper up to that hour with as near an approach to accuracy as was possible under the circumstances.

The scene of the fire was visited yesterday by nearly everybody in the city, as very few came down at the early hour before day. It was probably the smallest crowd which ever witnessed a fire of any magnitude here. It occurred when everybody was asleep and those who arose and looked out could see no evidence of a fire for a considerable time after the alarm was sent in on account of its confinement at first to the basement. Box 41, at Water and Market streets, from which the alarm came in, is an important one, but when people arose and called to mind the propensity of the Wilmington Paid Fire Department for extinguishing any and all fires in their incipiency and with the reassurance of an absence of a blaze, they quietly retired for the most part and left the conflagration with the fire laddies, a few of the more venturesome, the police and morning newspaper people.

A conservative estimate of the damage by the fire is $50,000. The heaviest loser is Capt. A. D. Brown. His stock valued at from $30,000 to $35,000 was completely destroyed with an insurance of only $19,700. It was stated erroneously in yesterday's paper that the insurance was $25,000, which was the amount carried last year, the balance having been dropped upon the advance in rates upon merchandise stocks about 12 months ago. Capt. Brown had just received his usual large line of new Spring goods, but he had unfortunately neglected to take out insurance to cover it.

The building occupied by Capt. Brown's store was owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Vollers and it was completely gutted by the flames, only the blackened walls remaining. Contractors differ in their opinion as to whether the walls can be restored and upon this, of course, largely depends the amount of damage. The building is valued at $8,000; insurance, $5,000.

The wholesale and retail clothing store of the A. David Company, adjoining the Vollers building on the north, was badly damaged by smoke and water. The stock is valued at $30,000 and the damage will probably range from 33⅓ to 50 per cent. The entire stock was covered by $14,500 insurance. The chief damage to the building which is owned by Mrs. P. M. McRary is on the roof, where the flames lapped nearly across and cracked the tin and wood covering all to pieces. One line of hose was turned on the roof to keep it from catching and thereby resulted the damage from water to the stock. The building was insured for $5,000 and the damage is estimated at from $750 to $1,000.

Next south of the Vollers building was another three-story brick business structure, owned by Capt. Donald MacRae. The damage to the building, which is insured for $10,000, will be between $600 and $800. The basement of the building is used as a storage room for electrical and gas supplies, gas stoves, ranges, fixtures, etc., of the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co., the offices of which, with those of Hugh MacRae & Co., bankers, occupy the first floor of the building. The damage in the offices was chiefly by smoke and was slight; fully covered by insurance. The basement of the building in which the supplies were stored was completely flooded by water, causing a damage of $1,000 to stock, which is fully protected. An engine of the Fire Department was engaged until yesterday afternoon in pumping the water from the basement.

The second floor of the building is occupied by the Harmony Circle club rooms, which were damaged about $75, with $400 insurance in companies represented by Col. Walker Taylor. The third floor was formerly used as a K. of P. lodge room. The damage to the building was greatest on this floor, where a wood joist extended through the brick wall from the Vollers building.

The Department had at one time in addition to four streams from hydrants, three from the engines, including the two reserves, making seven line of hose in all. Two of the engines were stationed at Princess street dock while the "big" Adrian was at foot of Market street. The reserves were brought out when the magnitude of the fire seemed to demand it.

The Vollers building has no partiwalls with the buildings on each side as the proximity would seem to indicate. It was probably due to this and the further fact that the walls of the McRary building extended above the roof of the Brown store that the flames did not communicate more rapidly.

The Origin of The Fire.

The origin of the fire is a matter of speculation. It was at first thought that some pedestrian had dropped a cigarette or cigar stump through the grating in the sidewalk into the cellar, but after a look at the premises it was seen that such a theory was impossible. The back door of the cellar was found open by the first parties to reach the scene and the robbery and incendiary theory is advanced. Mr. Aubrey Walsh, a clerk in the store, remembers distinctly having closed the back door upon closing at 7 o'clock the evening before. It is also thought that perhaps the fire might have occurred from the heating apparatus in the basement. Certain it is that the basement was burning fiercely from end to end before the fire was discovered.

Distribution of Insurance.

The insurance against the various losses was held in agencies as follows:

A. D. Brown's stock—J. H. Boatwright & Son, $3,000; J. VanB. Metts, $5,500; Willard & Giles, $3,500; Walker Taylor, $3,500; W. W. Hodges, $4,200. Total, $19,700.

Vollers' Building—Walker Taylor, $1,000; Willard & Giles, $3,000; W. W. Hodges, $2,000. Total, $5,000.

A. David Company stock—J. H. Boatwright & Son, $4,500; J. VanB. Metts, $4,500; Walker Taylor, $3,000; Willard & Giles, $2,500. Total, $14,500.

David Building—Walker Taylor, $5,000.

MacRae Building—Walker Taylor, $3,000; Willard & Giles, $3,500; J. VanB. Metts, $3,000; J. H. Boatwright & Son, $300. Total, $10,000.

After the Fire, What?

Capt. A. D. Brown has moved into the old Murchison National Bank building, 113 North Front street, and will remain there settling up and adjusting everything until arrangements can be made for reopening the store by the purchase of a new stock. The safe was being removed from the ruins to the new location last night.

Pending an adjustment of their losses the A. David Company is closed and headquarters have been opened in the same building with the Atlantic Trust and Banking Co., on Princess street. Mr. A. David, president of the company, and Mr. E. E. David, of the firm, were in New York at the time of the fire and were telegraphed for yesterday by Mr. L. Stein, secretary and treasurer of the company.

A Fireman Injured.

While engaged in keeping a hose playing on the ruins yesterday morning about 7 o'clock, Foreman Louis Freimuth, of Hose Company No. 3, and Engineer T. B. Jackson, of Engine Company No. 1, fell through from the sidewalk to the basement. The latter had his left hand severely cut by broken glass. He was removed to a drug store, and later sent in one of the hose wagons to the hospital, where Dr. Joseph Akerman took several stitches in the wound. Engineer Jackson was able to be out yesterday afternoon.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Bob Rutledge, of Charlotte, arrived yesterday.

— Miss Louise Knight left yesterday morning for Baltimore.

—Mr. Nathan O'Berry, of Goldsboro, was an Orton guest yesterday.

— Miss Eliza W. Murphy, of Atkinson, is spending a few days with Mrs. James Stewart.

— Mrs. W. A. Johnson and little daughter, Miss Beck Love, left yesterday for Virginia to visit relatives.

— Miss Daisy Williams, of Phœnix, Brunswick county, has entered the Presbyterian College at Charlotte.

—Mr. William Bradley Walker and bride will arrive in Wilmington February 20th on a visit to his relatives.

— Mr. Irving Galloway has returned from the Philippines and is being cordially greeted by numerous friends in the city.

— Mr. Thos. P. Bagley, of this city, has become acting principal of Clarkton Male Institute, the flourishing school at Clarkton, N. C., established two years ago under the auspices of Wilmington Presbytery.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by J. C. Shepard.

TO THE PUBLIC!

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 12.

A FAILURE.

Elihu Root, Secretary of War, delivered an address last Friday night before the Union League Club, of New York, a speech remarkable for what he said, and also for what he didn't say, but might have said, if he had the candor, to make his speech complete. It is also remarkable as coming from the Secretary of War, who is so intimately associated with President Roosevelt.

After referring to the part this League took as a factor in solving some of the problems of the past, he remarked that there were still and constantly would be problems confronting us which might "demand the hardest fibre and the most devout patriotism." He contented himself with mentioning three of these problems; one "the tendency to a division between the rich and the poor," which he feared was growing; another the labor question and labor unions, which he approved as good things and things that ought to be, but the tendency of which was to go to extremes and practice the same despotism over laborers who do not belong to the unions that they condemn in employers of labor.

In commending labor unions and congratulating organized labor on being able to assert and demand its rights, he was simply echoing Mr. Roosevelt, who has in some of his public utterances said substantially the same thing. In talking thus he was talking through his hat as a politician, for the labor vote of this country is a factor of some importance—and your uncle Mark Hanna has also caught onto that fact. The third and most remarkable was the suffrage problem, to which he thus referred:

"The third danger is one that this club especially should consider. Mr. Dodge referred in his opening talk to the march of a negro regiment down Broadway in civil war times. Within two years after this club was formed the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution provided that there should be no slavery in the country or in any Territory within our jurisdiction.

"Within five years, by the Fourteenth Amendment, all men, the black included, were free and equal. In seven years, by the Fifteenth Amendment, the Nation said that no man should ever be deprived of his vote by reason of color or previous condition of servitude. The three amendments embodied the scheme of the thoughtful men of those days to uplift the slaves liberated by the civil war.

"You remember how difficult the question was. What was to be done with the black man who had been a slave all his life? The answer was: Give him liberty, citizenship and equal rights, including the opportunity to enjoy them, and he will rise.

"I fear that we are compelled to face the conclusion that the experiment has failed.

"The suffrage has been taken away from the black man in most of the States where he composes the larger part of the population. The black man of the South in general no longer has his right to vote. The right to aspire to office is generally disputed and in a great measure denied."

"The experiment has failed." Of course it has. Why not? The men who attempted it were fooling with a material they didn't know any thing about, a material they were using for their own special purposes. Mr. Root is not candid in this, he is not honest, he does not make a true statement of the case or tell the inside history, the inspiration of negro suffrage. He tells all that he cares to have known, all that the leaders of his party care to have known, but that is only half and the least interesting part of the story of negro enfranchisement, which was not inspired by the desire to give him "liberty, citizenship, equal rights, including the opportunity to enjoy them." That would have been commendable paternalism if it had been prompted by interest in the emancipated slaves, but while that was the pretence and the justification, it was not that, but simply a scheme to use these emancipated and enfranchised slaves to control the South and perpetuate the power of the Republican party, to get control of Southern States to offset the Northern States that the Democratic party might capture. The Republican leaders were then anticipating the turn in the tide and were preparing for it.

To assert at this late day that suffrage was conferred upon the negro to enable him to protect himself is simply to brand the men who did it as imbeciles, and they were anything but that. Men like Senators Stevens, Morton and other unscrupulous iron-nerved leaders of those days never had the canting hypocrisy to pretend that, and made no secret of their motive when they put "the bottom rail on top." They wanted to punish the "rebels," to humiliate them, and instead of bringing into the Union the seceding States as Lincoln wanted to bring them in, kept them out and made negro suffrage a condition of being let in. They passed these acts when no Southern man had a voice or a vote in the Congress of the United States and then by fraudulent so-called elections, under military dictation and control declared the amendments adopted which made the emancipated slaves citizens and politically the equals of the white man and the superiors of many white men, for when these amendments were voted upon in the South thousands of white men were disfranchised and could not vote.

This is a part of the scheming, tricky, unscrupulous, criminal history of negro enfranchisement that Mr. Root did not tell, because it did not fit in well there, but it is history all the same.

The game succeeded for awhile; they played the negro, but as the men who played him were not morally superior to the mob they used, a saturnalia of debauchery was the result, which forced the white men of the South to devise some way to get from under the negro and his white associates, and they did it, did it boldly, with no hypocritical pretence such as was made by some of those who planned and worked to put them under the negro's heel. The "experiment of negro suffrage failed."

Of course it failed. It was bound to fail. There was nothing honest in it. It was rotten. It could not help failing, and Mr. Root and others who are training with him understand very well why it failed; they are not surprised at the failure, and practically admit it, and have taken a lesson from the failure by refusing to grant suffrage to the masses of people in our new acquisitions, who are as well or better qualified for suffrage than were the emancipated slaves whom they elevated to citizenship without any previous or preparatory qualification. In this they are simply following the example of the white men of the South by insisting upon qualified suffrage for the people of these new acquisitions, the way the Southern States have found to solve that problem.

If Mr. Root's political friends had done that in the start instead of conferring the franchise at one sweep on every negro old enough to vote, he might not now have to publicly confess the "failure of the experiment."

A NEW INDUSTRY IN GERMANY

Some time ago in commenting upon Lord Kelvin's prediction that the coal supply of the world would be exhausted in 400 years, a noted French engineer remarked that within ten years alcohol would supercede coal as a fuel for furnishing motive power. In view of the fact that alcohol is now a somewhat costly fluid to use for such a purpose we thought that was a rather remarkable statement, but it seems that they have been experimenting in Europe with a view to a large and cheap production of alcohol, and apparently with considerable encouraging success. In Berlin there was last week an exhibition of potato alcohol which was attended by the Emperor, a number of State officials and other distinguished persons, concerning which a Berlin dispatch speaks as follows:

The immense display to-day was directly due to his Majesty's encouragement for several years. One department shows alcohol for cooking and heating, another for lighting, in which it is contended that alcohol is a complete substitute for petroleum; yet another exhibits water and stationary motors, while in the grounds surrounding the buildings are automobiles and trucks driven by alcohol power.

It is predicted that potato alcohol, or rather the manufacture of it, will prove as valuable and important an industry to Germany as the beet sugar industry is. If it be all that is claimed for it, it will, doubtless, prove more valuable. These are simply experiments which prove that it is practicable to substitute this alcohol for oil or coal, but whether it can be done on a large scale, so as to give the fluid a commercial value in competition with coal or oil remains to be seen. If so, these experimenters have opened up a new industry of incalculable importance not only to Germany but to the world, and one that this country will not be slow to take advantage of, for here our potato-producing capacity is unlimited. There is not a square mile of arable land between the two oceans on which potatoes can not be produced in abundance, and on which the production could not be doubled or trebled by proper cultivation.

While we produce enough for home consumption and sometimes more, the production has been kept within bounds because of the low prices when there is a excessive production and the difficulty of keeping the potatoes in a sound, salable condition. But if they can be profitably utilized for making alcohol, as beets are for sugar, there will be a practically unlimited demand for them, little danger of their becoming a drug on the market or of spoiling on the hands of the growers, and the result will be a largely increased production.

The Charlotte *Observer's* "Morally Stunted" will point with pride to the fact that in South Carolina, with Ben Tillman dispensaries all over the State, there were over two hundred homicides last year. And "Our Best People" will claim that with licensed saloons the number would have reached four hundred.

The Lily Whites, of Alabama, are keeping a stiff upper lip and refuse to enter into any combine with the Roosevelt strikers.

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There is a strong sentiment among the "Lily Whites" of the South against the nomination of Roosevelt for the Presidency, and it is daily gaining strength and taking shape. It doubtless has pretty strong encouragement, too, from political manipulators on the other side of the line who have not yet come out openly against Roosevelt, but will, doubtless, when their plans are matured and they get the wires running to suit them.

The efforts said to have been recently made by the Roosevelt supporters to close the breach in Alabama, has failed, the managers of the "Lily White" wing peremptorily refusing to entertain the overtures made, and informing the other side that the Rubicon had been crossed, that they were running the business in their own way, and were in the fight to the end. They have made practically an uncompromising declaration of war against Roosevelt.

Thus far the "Lily Whites" in North Carolina have not been saying much or showing their hand, for the reason, probably, that Senator Pritchard was not yet prepared for an open outbreak with the administration, but he seems to be nearing that point, for he has got to talking about Roosevelt's "blunders," and some of the party organs in sympathy with him and the negro shut-out movement he engineered, have begun to talk in plain English.

The Elizabeth City *Carolinian* is one of the old-time, dyed-in-the-wool Republican organs. It has changed hands, and although published in the Eastern part of the State, where the negroes do most abound, thus announces its endorsement of the "Lily White" movement and its opposition to the nomination of Roosevelt:

We cannot support Mr. Roosevelt for the nomination to succeed himself. His Southern policy has been in direct opposition to the policy which was inaugurated by the Republican State Convention at Greensboro last August. We have given this matter the proper thought, and we expect all kinds of harsh criticism from the Roosevelt forces in North Carolina and the South, but if they cannot see the matter in the same light that we do, then they are at liberty to go their route and we will do likewise.

We do not believe that Mr. Roosevelt will be the nominee, and *The Carolinian* nominates as its choice for President of the United States Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, and for Vice President Jeter C. Pritchard, of North Carolina. This will make a team that any Republican in the nation would be proud to support.

The Roosevelt people have had an eye on Senator Fairbanks all along, and also on Hanna, but while Hanna has said that he is not in the race and "doesn't want the job," Senator Fairbanks has never said that, and nobody has ever said it for him. But it will not be difficult for the Hanna and Fairbanks boosters in the South to get together, as their main purpose is to lay Roosevelt out, and either Hanna or Fairbanks would suit them for that purpose.

It will be interesting to watch this game as it develops and the play of the factions in North Carolina as it progresses. Pritchard controls the machine and Roosevelt the patronage, so that the strikers will be put in somewhat of a quandary as to which way to head.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— We venture to say that nothing has happened in recent years so gratifying to William II. as the fact that he was the one to shoot the first hole through the Monroe Doctrine—and we are not surprised that he holds the present President of the United States in such high esteem.—*Norfolk Ledger, Dem.*

—— When Democrats criticised President Roosevelt's appointment of Addicks' man Byrne they were denounced by Roosevelt partisans as actuated by "malice." Now that a Republican committee has recommended the rejection of this nomination it would seem that Democrats are not alone in their crime of lese majeste, whatever its motive.—*Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*

—— The Confederate veterans of Birmingham, Ala., are quite willing for the ex-slaves to be pensioned, according to the Hanna plan. The veterans have a sincere good feeling for the old slaves and would like to see their declining years made reasonably comfortable, even at government expense. But nothing of the kind will ever happen. The pension money would come into the South.

—— Senator Hanna's pension bill for ex slaves is more meritorious than his bill to pension millionaire shipbuildess and owners. The last was pure jobbery for the benefit of the rich. The slave pension scheme is also a job, of course, but has about it suggestions of benevolence and humanity, which the ship subsidy wholly lacked. Put bluntly it was a plain steal of revenue, for the enrichment of a class at the the expense of the masses.—*Chattanooga Times, Ind.*

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TWINKLINGS

— "He was unable to meet his bills, I understand?" "Well, that's where you're wrong. He couldn't dodge them."—*Chicago Post.*

— Mrs. Right—It isn't necessary to raise your hat to the housemaid. Mr. Right—Well. I can wink at her if you prefer it—*Elizabeth Journal.*

— "Why are they arresting that man?" "Oh, just because he tries to make light of everything." "A humorist?" "No, a firebug!"—*Baltimore Herald.*

— Wantanno—HasBlowhard really been abroad? Duzno—Has he? I should rather guess not. Why he doesn't know a French shilling from a Latin quarter.

— First Chicago Man—I've been busy showing the sights to two friends from the country. Second Chicago Man—Where were they from. St. Louis or New York?—*Chicago Post.*

— Hoax—Skinnum was a most awkward boy. Never knew what to do with his hands. Always kept them in his pockets. Joax—Yes; and now he has 'em in other people's pockets.—*Judge*

— Little Wille—Say, pa, in this editorial what is meant by the term "all right-thinking people?" Pa—It means all people who think as the editor does, my son.—*Chicago Daily News.*

— Jimmy—Does your mother tell your father when you do something bad? Johnny—Yes; but it isn't to please him; it's only because there's no one else around to tell it to.—*Boston Transcript.*

— Dennis: You seem in a shtudy about sometin'. Mike—Oi am so. Me boss sent fur a man to come an' take his measure, an' Oi dunno did he say Coffin & Co., tailors, or Taylor & Co., coffins.—*Washington Star.*

—McLubberty—Oi'm takin' this medicine accordin' to the docthor's orders—one tablet ivery hour, an' it is doin' me no good at all. O'Haggerty—Thin, begorrah! double the dose. Take wan ivery two hours.—*Judge*

— "Well, these great European diplomats don't seem to be any nearer solving the Chinese problem." "No; and I'm in the same boat. For the life of me I can't trace seven collars, eight cuffs and three shirts."—*Brooklyn Life.*

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
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"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicine I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down woman. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Agency of this wonderful medicine will be placed with good men. Address A. B. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga. †

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Messrs. ELY BROS.:—I have used your Cream Balm in my family for nine years and it has become my family doctor for colds in the head. I use it freely on my children. It is a Godsend to children.
Yours respectfully, J. KIMBALL.
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Miss CORA WILLARD, Albany, N. Y. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Dunn *Guide*: The well to furnish water for the city water works is about completed. A depth of about 400 feet has been reached and the flow of water is said to be about 150 gallons per minute.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Several young boys, while drunk Sunday night, cut the electric light wires in a certain house in this city, and carried off the bulbs. It cost one of them six dollars, who submitted before the Mayor Tuesday morning.

— Greensboro *Record*: Mr. E. B Respass, engineer in charge of the surveying corps of the Raleigh & Western Railroad, was seen at The Benbow this morning. Mr. Respass is in charge of the survey from Colon to Greensboro, to High Point, etc. In reply to a question he said he was not authorized to give out any statement about the road, but from the work he has been ordered to do and is doing he feels satisfied his people are coming right into Greensboro.

— Winston *Sentinel*: William Lash, colored, was found lying in a gully near Academy and Liberty streets, Salem, about 7 o'clock Sunday morning. He was unconscious and died a few minutes after being carried to the Salem police station. Lash was about twenty years old. He came here Saturday from Bethania, having been at work for ex-Sheriff Kapp. Lash visited the barrooms Saturday night and drank a quantity of whiskey. When found by his brother he was badly intoxicated, but refused to go with his friends. He had about fifteen dollars in his pocket. This was taken away from him. Nothing more was heard from William until he was found Sunday morning. Whiskey and cold weather caused his death. He was numb and practically stiff when found. A physician was summoned, and one of the Salem officers built a fire at the station to "thaw" the man out, but death came before the room could be gotten warm.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: About 10 o'clock Sunday morning a negro raped Miss Nellie Carlisle, a young white girl, living about miles from Tryon. The deed was committed in the forest some distance from the unfortunate girl's home, and the outrage was consummated by means of murderous violence, the negro inflicting several ghastly wounds in his head, which it is feared will prove fatal. The girl was found in an unconscious condition several hours later and taken to her home, where she now lies at the point of death. —— Capt. M. L. Jones, of Candor, Moore county, is in the city. Capt Jones is the man who produced during the past year from the Iola mine in Montgomery one-half of all the gold produced in North Carolina, and it was brought out from a depth of only one hundred and thirty feet and a fine stamp bill. Captain Jones says that there is now $100,000 more of gold in sight in that mine, which is located only about two miles from Candor. —— The *News and Observer* Tuesday received the news from Pittsburg, Pa., that Mrs. A. B. Yancy committed suicide in the Hotel Lamont, of that city, night before last by shooting herself. Mrs. Yancey was about twenty-four years of age and had visited in this city often when her home was at Kittrell, where she was Miss Grace Blacknall. She was a niece of the late Dr. G. W. Blacknall, of this city. Her father, K. H. Blacknall, is well known in this State, but now resides in Chicago. As Miss Grace Blacknall Mrs. Yancey was quite popular in this State and after the change of her father's residence to Atlanta she made many friends in that city. The deed was premeditated. Before shooting herself she purchased a rubber blanket, a shroud and a bunch of roses. She stretched the blanket on the bed so as to avoid soiling the linen, placed the roses at her feet and put the shroud on, then fired the bullet into her brain. No reason has been offered for the self-destruction, and her domestic life so far as known was happy.

How Ney Faced Death.

Marshal Ney was the son of a hard-working cooper and had risen from the ranks of the army. He was a child of the people, and whatever may have been his vanities he threw them all aside in his last days.

When he was led out to death, an officer ordered a bandage tied over his eyes.

"Why should you do that?" said Ney. "Haven't I been accustomed for twenty-five years to look bullets and cannon balls in the face?"

He himself ordered the soldiers to fire, standing and facing them.

His career summed up in one life the spectacular heroism of the past.

Sippets.

Sippets, mentioned often in English stories, may be either of bread or of toast. Sippets of toast are thin oblongs of bread toasted to a golden brown, slightly buttered and piled in one or two layers, log cabin fashion, without breaking, on a folded napkin; or the sippets are of untoasted bread arranged on a hot plate, the juice from roasted beef or mutton poured over.

A Weather Glass.

A simple weather glass is made thus: Obtain a glass jar, such as is used for pickles, and put some water into it; then get a bottle with a long neck, if possible, and put it in the jar, with the neck downward, till the mouth just touches the water. When the water rises in the bottle, it is going to rain, and when it is down fine weather prevails.

Expanded Them.

"What does this mean, daughter? Here is another lot of milliners' and dressmakers' bills. Don't you remember that I expressly ordered you not to contract any more debts without my knowledge?"

"Certainly, papa, but I haven't contracted any debts. On the contrary, I've expanded them."

He Found It Was.

Judge (to prisoner)—You are charged with having seriously injured your wife by inclosing her in a folding bed. What have you to say for yourself?

Prisoner—Your honor, I wished to see if it was possible to shut her up.

Unkind.

"I think," she said, "I should like to marry an imaginative man."

"Well," said her friend, speaking very sweetly, "what other kind of a man can you expect to marry, if he has a chance to see you in daylight?"

Do you roast people to their face or behind their backs? The last trick is cowardly, the other foolish.—Atchison Globe.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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Will say further, that I began to walk in about six days after I began to take "RHEUMACIDE," with the aid of crutches; in about three months after I began to take it, I could walk as good as anybody, and went back to work again.

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Broke the Rule.

A Boston man recently regaled a party of friends with a story about a certain nameless club in Boston which has strict regulations against gambling.

A quartet of club members decided to break that rule by a game of poker for small stakes. So they adjourned to one of the small rooms of the club and called the old colored servant to bring a pack of cards. When he brought them, one of the members queried:

"John, I suppose it would be something utterly new in this club if we should do such a thing as play for money with these cards?"

The negro scratched his head and deliberated, finally answering:

"Boss, I'ze been wid dis club a long time and I'ze seen many things."

"Yes, but what have you seen?"

"I'ze seen ebry rule ob dis club vi'lated 'ceptin' one."

"What rule is that one?"

"De rule 'gainst gibbin' tips to de serbants."

And straightway that rule was relieved of its lonesomeness among its fellows.—New York Times.

A Concession In Price.

"People in frontier towns," said a Klondike pioneer, "get used to paying big money for trifles, and $2 for a box of sardines and $5 for a pound of bad coffee become reasonable prices. I kicked once upon a time because the price asked was too small. It was like this: I had a jumping toothache, was nearly wild with it, when I went to the shanty where I was told there was a dentist. A rough looking fellow told me that he was it, and I asked him to draw my tooth. He looked me over, got his forceps fastened on my tooth and yanked it out after a couple of hard twists.

"'How much?' I asked.

"'Well, $2, I guess,' said the dentist.

"I paid him, although my jaw still ached pretty badly.

"'That's the cheapest thing I've seen around here,' I said.

"'Well,' he said, 'I thought I'd make it low because, on account of the bad light, I pulled the wrong tooth.'

"I had to go the next day to have the bad tooth out, and he made matters square by charging me $10."—New York Tribune.

Broiled Shad Roe.

Wipe the roe with a bit of wet cloth and dry it well. Brush over with melted butter or olive oil and broil about five minutes or until brown on each side. It should be well cooked, and when done the little grainlike eggs will be of a light mode color. If pink, it should be cooked longer. For a small family it is better to cook the roe in salted, acidulated water to insure its keeping, and the next day broil it as above or split it and dip in flour and brown it in hot pork fat.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., February 12.

STEAMSHIPS.

Muriel, (Br) 1,565 tons, Freeman, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Savan, (Br) 1,668 tons, Hunter, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Bayard Hopkins, 212 tons, Eskridge, to master.
Chas H Wolston, 287 tons, Hinckley, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Helen G Mosely, 502 tons, Gray, Cape Fear Lumber Co.
Emily F Northam, 315 tons, Pennewell, to master.
Albert T Stearnes, 483 tons, Bunker, to master.
Lillian Woodruff, 288 tons, Kneeland, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

Oscar, (Nor) 720 tons, Schrader, Heide & Co.
Freidig, (Nor) 649 tons, Christophersen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—41 bales cotton, 16 barrels tar, 7 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—77 bales cotton, 21 barrels rosin, 6 barrels tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—135 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 12 barrels rosin, 225 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—11 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 1 barrel rosin, 52 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—8 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Highlander—5 casks spirits turpentine, 27 barrels rosin, 486 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine, 25 barrels pitch.

Steamer Compton—15 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 38 barrels rosin, 22 barrels tar.

Steamer City of Fayetteville—100 barrels tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—5 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 10 barrels tar.

Steamer Black River—9 casks spirits turpentine, 157 barrels rosin, 20 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—2 casks spirits turpentine, 117 barrels rosin, 120 barrels tar.

Schooner Chauncey T.—20 casks spirits turpentine, 50 barrels rosin, 77 barrels tar.

Schooner Argyle—8 casks spirits turpentine, 60 barrels rosin, 9 barrels tar.

Total—287 bales cotton, 92 casks spirits turpentine, 583 barrels rosin, 1,143 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine, 25 barrels pitch.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, February 11.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 65c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.80 per barrel for strained and $1.85 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.65 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.40 per barrel for hard, $4.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at $1.10@1.15; tar quiet at $1.20; crude turpentine strong at $1.35 @2.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	92
Rosin	583
Tar	1,143
Crude turpentine	21

Receipts same day last year—5 casks spirits turpentine, 17 barrels rosin, 180 barrels tar, 13 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8¾c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6⅛	cts. ℔ ℔
Good ordinary	7⅝	" "
Low middling	8⅜	" "
Middling	8¾	" "
Good middling	9⅛	" "

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅝c for middling.

Receipts—287 bales; same day last year, 1,703.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm, Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Dull at 15c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 25@30c; springs, 15@20c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12@12½c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@4c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Money on call steady at 2¾@3 per cent., closing offered at 2¾@3 per cent.; time money easy: 60 days, 4 per cent; 90 days, 4 per cent.; six months 4¼@4½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills done at 487.40@487.45 for demand and at 484.30@484.35 for sixty days. Posted rates 485 and 488. Commercial bills 483¾@484. Bar silver 47¼. Mexican dollars 37¼. Government bonds steady. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 108¼; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 108¼; U. S. 3's, registered, 107; do. coupon, 107; U. S. 4's, new registered, 134¼; do. coupon, 135¼; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 110; do. coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 102¾; do. coupon 102¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 117 Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 102⅝. Chesapeake & Ohio 52¼; Manhattan L 144¼; New York Central 150¼; Reading 63⅞; do. 1st preferred 88; do. 2nd preferred 76¼; St. Paul 179¼; do. pref'd, 192; Southern Railway 35¼; do. pref'd 95¼; Amalgamated Copper 69⅞; People's Gas 107⅞; Sugar 131¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 64⅞; U. S. Leather 14⅞; do. pref'd, 94¾; Western Union 90; U. S Steel 38⅞; do. pref'd 88⅞; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co ,64¾; do. preferred, 124⅛. Standard Oil. 736@740

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 25⅞; do. preferred, bonds. 42⅞; fours, 89. Atlantic Coast Line, common and do. preferred, unchanged.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Rosin firm Spirits turpentine dull.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 11.—Spirits turpentine firm at 64½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — casks; A. B, C, D, E and F, $1 85 G, $1 95; H, $2 30, I, $2 75; K, $3 15; M, $3 30; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W $4 20.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 11.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 65c; receipts 136 casks; sales 90 casks; exports 719 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 2,593 barrels; sales 2,443 barrels; exports 1,275 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, $1 90; F, $1 90; G, $2 00; H, $2 35; I $2 80; K $3 20; M, $3 40; N, $3 60; W G, $3 85; W W, $4 25

COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Cotton opened easy at unchanged prices to a decline of four points in response to cables which were some two points below expectations, but immediately following the call was rallied sharply by buying for the account of prominent bull interests. This demand carried May up to 9.41 or three points over the opening figure and to within one point of yesterday's close. At this level profit-taking and fresh sales for the short account, based on the evident hesitation of Liverpool to follow further advances in the face of present comparatively heavy receipts which were estimated for to-day at 28,000 bales and which actually reached 28,708 bales as compared with 22,811 bales last year. There seemed to be a disposition also to regard the market as entitled to a material reaction after its advance of about sixty points in the last few days. Then Liverpool showed continued weakness, closing two to three points lower and the estimated receipts at Houston for to-morrow were 6,000 to 7,000 bales as compared with 2,501 last year. Toward mid-day the selling having to a certain extent exhausted itself with May around 9.29, there was a renewal of bull support which carried prices back to practically the opening level. Exports for the day were seen to be light, amounting to only 7,991 bales, and while the various spot cotton markets were firmly held, the continued heavy receipts and the theory that the present high level has been attained very largely as a result of manipulation, proved the dominating factor at a net decline of eight to eleven points. Sales of futures estimated at 300,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Cotton quiet at 9 50c; net receipts 646 bales; gross receipts 9 626 bales; stock 152,927 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 9.50c; middling gulf 9 75c; sales 276 bales.

Futures market opened easy and closed steady. The closing prices were: February 9.18, March 9.23, April 9 27, May 9.31, June 9.17, July 9.12, August 8 84, September 8.36, October 8.20.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 28,706 bales; exports to Great Britain — bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 7,991 bales; stock 948,486 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 121,598 bales; exports to Great Britain 34,853 bales; exports to France 22 966 bales; exports to the Continent 40,382 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,172,610 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,934,578 bales; exports to France 592,685 bales; exports to the Continent 2,067,072 bales.

Feb. 11.—Galveston, strong at 9 5-16, net receipts 10,212 bales; Norfolk; steady at 9½c, net receipts 1,782 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9½c, net receipts 1,086 bales; Boston, quiet at 9.50c, net receipts 990 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8¾c, net receipts 237 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 9.75, net receipts 83 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 2,973 bales; New Orleans, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 11,593 bales; Mobile, firm at 9c, net receipts 63 bales; Memphis, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 2,088 bales; Augusta, quiet at 9⅜c, net receipts 487 bales; Charleston, firm at 9⅛c, net receipts 158 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Flour was quiet and a shade lower to sell. Rye flour dull. Wheat—Spot weak; No 2 red 81⅛c. Options were weak and heavy all day. Liquidation, induced by bearish European news, small cash demand, liberal Western receipts and light clearances broke the market off about 1c a bushel. The close was weak at ⅝@1c net decline: March closed 85⅛c; May closed 81⅝c, July closed 78⅛c September 77c Corn—Spot easier; No. 2 63½c Options market opened steady, but was quickly weakened by the break in wheat and larger receipts and ruled easy all day, being affected late by a small export demand. The close was ⅛@1c net lower. Sales included: February closed —c; March closed 57¼c, May closed 51⅝c, July closed 49¼c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2. 43¼c. Options were quiet but easier Lard steady; refined steady. Tallow quiet; city 6⅛c asked Butter irregular; extra creamery 26c; State dairy 15@25c Cheese firm; State full cream, small colored, fancy fall made 14¼c; small white, fall made, 14¼c. Peanuts steady; fancy hand picked 4¾@4¾c; other domestic 3@4½c. Cabbages dull; domestic, per barrel red $1 00@1 25; white 60@80c. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 12. Potatoes steady; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50@2 00. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3 3-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 11-16c; molasses sugar 2 15-16c; refined sugar firm. Molasses was quiet. Coffee—Spot Rio firm; mild quiet. Pork dull. Rice firm. Eggs steady; Pennsylvania average best 21c; Southern 18@18½c. Cotton seed oil was firm, being well supported by local orders. Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 34@34½c; prime summer yellow 40@41c; off summer yellow 39c; prime white 45c; prime winter yellow 45c; prime meal $27 50@28 00, nominal.

CHICAGO, Feb 11.—The news in general was decidedly bearish in the wheat pit to-day and heavy liquidation caused weakness in that market, May closing 1c lower. May corn was off ⅜c, while oats were unchanged. Provisions ruled steady and the May products closed unchanged.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Cash prices: Flour was steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 79@80c; No. 3 spring 70@72½c; No. 2 red 75@75½c Corn—No. 2 43⅞c; No. 2 yellow 43⅞c. Oats—No. 2 35½c; No. 2 white —c; No. 3 white 35⅛@36½c. Mess pork, per barrel, quoted $16 90@17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs, $9 50@9 55. Short rib sides, loose, $9 00@9 20 Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 12½@8 25. Short clear sides, boxed, $9 37½@9 50 Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 30.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No 2 February 75, 75, 75 75c; May 79¼@79⅜, 79⅜, 78¼, 78¼c; July 74¼@74⅞, 74⅞, 74¼, 74¼ Corn—No 2 February —, —, —, 43¾; May 45⅞@46, 46, 45⅝, 45⅝; July 43¼@43⅜, 43⅜, 43 ⅛, 43⅛c Oats—No. 2, February 35¼, 35¼, 35¼, 35¼c May 37¾@37⅞, 37⅞@37⅞, 37⅞, 37⅞@37⅝c; July 33⅝, 33¾, 33⅝, 33⅝c Mess pork, per bbl—May $16 85, 16 90, 16 85, 16 90; July $16 25 16 30, 16 25, 16 30. Lard, per 100 lbs.—February $9 52½; May $9 45, 9 45, 9 42½, 9 45; July $9 22½, 9 22½, 9 20, 9 20. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $9 20, 9 20, 9 17½, 9 20 July $9 05, 9 07½, 9 05 9 05; September $9 00, 9 02½, 9 00, 9 02½.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 11.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices steady; American middling 5d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 11,000 bales American. Receipts 8,000 bales, including 7,500 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed irregular; American middling (g o c) February 4.89d; February and March 4.89d; March and April 4.89d; April and May 4.90@4.91d; May and June 4.92@4.93d; June and July 4.92@4.93d; July and August 4.92@4.93d; August and September 4.82@4.83d; September and October 4.57@4.58d; October and November 4.47d.

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ARRIVED.

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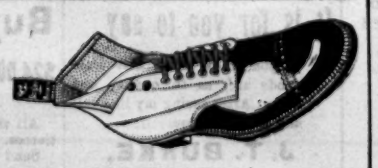

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HONEST STRATEGY

By VENE KENNEDY

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"Please, Mrs. Karl, come and play tennis," said Cleva Cullob appealingly.

"It's too hot," said Mrs. Karl lazily. "I'm too old to frisk in such weather."

"Hear! Hear!" cried Roy Kendall. "What an honest woman!"

"From compulsion, Roy. I was born here."

"In the year of our Lord"— Cleva added.

"Eighteen hundred and sixty," completed Mrs. Karl easily. "I am thirty-eight, you see."

"Thirty-eight!" repeated Roy. "It can't be you are ten years older than I am!"

"Yes," she answered smilingly.

Slender, graceful, charming, she looked scarce thirty and knew it.

With a pout Cleva started for the tennis court, followed by Roy Kendall and Madison Harding.

And it was hot! Soon Harding began to breathe heavily. As they finished the game he held out his racket and panted:

"Here, Brady, I'll leave you and Miss Temple to whitewash Kendall and Cleva."

"Are you warm?" said Mrs. Karl as he joined her on the veranda.

"Am I warm? Well!" reaching eagerly for the ice water on the table beside her.

"No," she commanded. "Go change your clothes. Not a cold plunge, remember—just a rub and dry linen."

He laughed, but obeyed.

When he returned, she handed him a glass of water, then a nicely pared peach.

"Uh!" he grunted. "This beats tennis."

"I think so," she said.

They chatted for some time. Then he asked suddenly:

"Why haven't you married again?"

"The usual reason," she answered.

"A beautiful woman, with twenty thousand a year, ought to find Mr. Right surely."

"Madison," she said softly, "I never loved Robert. Now—well, I must be sure of myself and him."

"Robert was a good man," he said gravely.

"Yes," she repeated. "Yet I hated him at times because I could not love him."

"But you married him."

"Yes, and I deserved to be more unhappy than I was. He was forty-eight, I twenty-two; he rich, I poor; he ready to settle down, I ready to have a fling with life. Somehow, Madison, I think he ought to have known better than to have asked me. He ought to have known I couldn't love him."

"Why not?" His voice was constrained.

"Youth loves youth. Much as Robert loved me, I think the first few years were equally disappointing to both. I was ready for my fling and had it. I know now how bored he was with it all. It's glorious to do stunts when one is a colt, but afterward"— She laughed merrily and handed him the peach she had been paring.

"But afterward?" he repeated.

"One wants to jog along," she continued. "The normal woman past thirty-five can say what she may, but the excitement and strength taking amusements that she reveled in during her teens and twenties—ah, they're not worth the price!"

His answering smile quickly disappeared as she went into the house. He was forty-five, Cleva Cullob twenty-two; he rich, she poor; he had had his fling, she just ready for hers. He had accepted Lorene Karl's invitation to spend the month of August at her country home because Cleva was to be there. He had determined the latter should be his promised wife before they left, but—

He slept little that night. A picture of Robert Karl, wearied and surfeited, dancing attendance on the gay, untiring Lorene, rose before him. "To jog along" had a soothing sound, but a vision of Cleva's laughing, girlish face made his jaws set determinedly.

It rained during the night. Next day was cool and clear.

"Oh, me! Oh, my!" said Mrs. Karl. "Why am I not a seer? If I had known it was to be such a charming day, I would have had our dance tonight. By Friday it will probably be as hot as blazes."

"What's the odds?" said Cleva. "I can dance if it registers a hundred."

"So can I," said Roy—"with you."

"Then I shall give you the first and last dance and two in between," she said, with a gay laugh, glancing from under her long lashes at Harding.

"I'll take the rest," he replied promptly. "If it registers two hundred."

Friday night simply blazed forth heat, but Cleva and a crowd of young folks danced as merrily as though Jack Frost were in the air.

Harding noted a wondrous sparkle in Cleva's eyes as she and Roy swung around the room, and he looked sadly disgruntled as he joined Lorene Karl.

"This is our dance," he said listlessly.

"Go change your collar," was the answer, "and put some talcum on your neck. Then we will sit under the trees—sit, not walk."

When he returned, he asked curiously:

"Where did you learn so much wisdom?"

"I was married ten years," she said carelessly.

She gazed at him contemplatively as he tilted back against a tree and silently smoked a cigar. The bright moonlight fell full upon him. Tall, broad, handsome, he yet looked his age.

"You have saved my life," he said laughingly as they sauntered back.

"And my own. This is one of the things that's not worth the price."

As he came for their next waltz she shook her head and laughed.

"Come," said he. "We'll risk one turn."

He put his arm around her and made a move to start, then stood suddenly still and stared down at the shapely brown head, his own giddy with the thrill that held him.

He drew her closer. As the music stopped he released her with a reluctance he could scarcely define.

"I enjoyed that dance," she said.

"It was worth the price, then?" banteringly.

"Fully," she uttered softly.

Until daybreak he sat on the veranda smoking and thinking. He tried to adjust the Lorene Karl he had known for eleven years with the woman he had discovered during the past week. He had condemned her for marrying for money. Though gay, even audacious, she had never coquetted.

As he danced with Cleva his mind had been alert to her beauty, to her bubbling spirits, her glorious youth, but as he held Lorene Karl there had come a sudden content, blissfully human and spiritually tender in one.

In the weeks that followed he found himself in a tumult of thought that made him abstracted and erratic. Now he lounged beside Mrs. Karl, and, again panting and perspiring, he followed where Cleva led.

The day before they were to leave the entire party went for a row down the bay.

Mrs. Karl, smiling and picturesque, stood under the trees and waved them goodby.

"Mrs. Karl is a dear," said Cleva complacently, "but I hope I'll never get so fogy. She has an awfully stupid time. If she would only exert herself a little, she could have as much fun as any one."

A couple of hours later Mrs. Karl saw Harding jump from a rickety buggy and come coolly toward her.

"Where are the others?" she cried, affrighted.

"On Rogers Point, dancing," he answered, seating himself.

The disgusted tone of his voice made her laugh.

"Well," she asked, as he did not explain, "what brought you back?"

"You," he answered, putting his hand on hers.

Her eyes still questioned.

"For the last week I couldn't find a minute to talk to you, Lorene, and today I got desperate. Only in the past month have I discovered that I'm the biggest ass in the country and you the dearest woman in existence. You opened my eyes, then my heart. Now I intend to make you love me."

"But if you cannot?" she said in a low tone.

"I must!" impetuously. "I must 'jog along' with you, dear, or else—no; there can be no else!" he cried, taking hold of her and kissing her determinedly. "I will make you love me!"

"It's all done," she murmured. "I've loved you for eleven years."

A laugh, a daring something in her eyes, made him suddenly understand.

"You plotter!" he cried. "You—you?"

"Yes," she whispered, joining in his happy laugh, "I did!"

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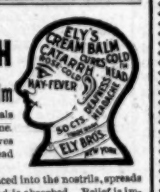

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Ar Charlotte		11 40 a m	11 50 p m
Ar Chester		12 01 p m	11 50 p m
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Ar Tampa		6 45 a m	6 00 p m

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Lv Hamlet	10 26 p m	8 45 a m	12 19 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 15 a m	11 45 a m	2 28 a m
Ar Norfina	3 18 a m	1 50 p m	
Ar Petersburg	5 33 a m	4 59 p m	
Ar Richmond	6 10 a m	4 35 p m	6 40 a m
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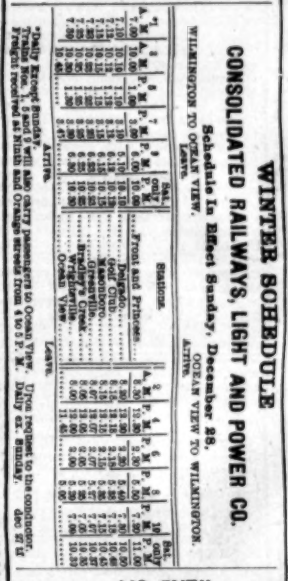

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Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 56 p m	11 26 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4 53 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 16 p m	3 05 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 33 a m	9 10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 35 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	1 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	8 55 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 30 a m	12 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 44 p m	3 27 a m
Ar Washington	2 50 p m	4 45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	6 05 p m	5 40 a m
Ar Petersburg	7 30 p m	9 18 a m
Ar Weldon	9 04 p m	11 25 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 p m	12 56 p m
Ar Wilson	10 48 p m	1 46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	5 45 p m

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SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 00 p m	3 35 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	5 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 35 p m	2 00 a m	7 55 a m
Ar Jacksonville		6 00 a m	12 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 00 p m	10 00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	3 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	6 05 p m	5 35 a m
Ar Florence	8 00 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 45 p m	1 40 p m

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Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar. 5 00 p m
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Arrive	Leave		Arrive
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.
.....	4 40	Goldsboro	11 05
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 18
5 45	5 00	Newbern	9 07
7 05	7 07	Morehead City	7 32
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 12.01 A. M., and with Southern Railway train "west, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 4.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & W. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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Y. M. C. A NEWS NOTES.

Gymnasium and Social Features of Association Life—Indoor Games, Etc.

These are busy days at the Y. M. C. A., several events of interest being scheduled for the month. The gymnasium men and boys are showing much interest in this particular department of the work. There are more than 100 members enrolled in the gymnasium classes. The class for business and professional men is quite largely attended. The ages of those who use the gymnasium range from 8 to 10 years. All enjoy it and are greatly benefitted by it. The juniors have organized several indoor baseball teams and a series of games to determine the Association championship is being played. This also applies to basket-ball, which is still popular.

On Friday night an exhibition game of basket-ball will be played by members of the young men's class. The boys will have a game on Saturday afternoon. Both will be free to the public.

The date of the next Star Course is the 24th. On the 23d the Ladies' Auxiliary will conduct a Colonial tea party. This promises to be one of the most pleasant social affairs of the Association year.

The membership of the Association is rapidly climbing toward the 350 mark. New men are uniting with the work almost every day.

On Friday afternoon the second meeting of the boys' club will be held. Tickets of admission are being given out by members of the club. These may be secured also at the Association office free of charge. Only boys 12 years old or over will be admitted. Dr. W. C. Galloway will be the speaker on Friday. The meeting opens at 5 P. M.

Rev. F. M. Shamburger will again address the meeting for men on next Sunday. He is a fine speaker. There was hardly room to accommodate the crowd last Sunday.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Chas. E. Vale, successor to Mr. Paul Taylor, to take pictures of every member of the gymnasium classes. The men will be taken in uniform. These will all be mounted in one large frame about 6x4 feet and placed on exhibition for a few days in one of the show windows on Front street.

DR. BLACKWELL TO CLERKS.

Letter of Appreciation to Young Men of Atlantic Coast Line Offices.

To each and every one of the one hundred and forty-six young men employed as clerks by the Atlantic Coast Line in this city, who signed the petition asking him to remain in the city as pastor of the First Baptist church and not to accept the call to Norfolk, Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell yesterday sent a type-written copy of the following very beautiful expression of appreciation:

"*My Dear Sir and Friend,*

"From one hundred and forty-six gentlemen in the A. C. L. offices I have received a heart-touching token of appreciation in the form of a request to continue my ministry of the Word in Wilmington.

"This kindly act to which you personally contributed by your signature, reveals to me what I already believed in, the noble heartedness of the men who compose the clerical department of the A. C. L.

"I interpret this beautiful incident, one that I shall ever treasure in my own heart, as a sign of your personal appreciation of and reverence for the religion of the Master of whom I am but an humble ambassador.

"As one who counts men above money and estimates his real riches in his friends, whom chance and change can never harm, I count myself most fortunate in holding such a large block of "preferred," gilt-edge A. C. L. stock.

"whether I am able, in the light of God's guidance to comply with your request or not, be assured I have already given you from time to time of my heart's best, and I shall hold each of you in my prayers before the throne of Him who directs our paths.

Signed, "CALVIN S. BLACKWELL.

"Wilmington, N. C. Feb. 10, 1903."

THE FOWLER CURRENCY BILL.

Personal Letter to Chamber of Commerce from Author of the Measure.

The resolutions recently drawn by Mr. J. Allen Taylor in regard to the Fowler Currency Bill and adopted by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce have attracted much favorable attention in commercial circles here and elsewhere. Hon. Charles N. Fowler, author of the bill, to whom a copy of the resolutions with the supplementary statement of facts, were recently sent by the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday wrote as follows to Secretary James Kyle:

"*James Kyle, Esq., Secretary, Wilmington, N. C.*

"MY DEAR SIR:—Please accept my sincere thanks for the resolutions of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, relative to the new currency bill.

"Under another cover, I send you a copy of the Congressional Directory, containing a list of the members of Congress; and I shall be greatly obliged if you will send a copy of these resolutions to every Representative and Senator, as I regard such action on the part of so representative a body as most significant and beneficial.

"Thanking you again for your courtesy, and especially for the great work the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is doing for the cause of financial and currency reform, I I remain, my dear sir,

"Very truly yours,

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MORGAN TALKED TO THE SENATE.

Resumed Remarks on the Statehood Bill, But Branched Off to Colombian Treaty.

DEPEW OPPOSED THE BILL.

Alaskan Boundary Treaty Ratified—The Panama Canal—House Made Fair Progress With the Sundry Civil Appropriation Measure.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—During the discussion of the Statehood bill in the Senate to-day Mr. Hanna called up the conference report on the Department of Commerce bill, which he presented yesterday, and it was agreed to without debate. The bill now goes to the President.

Mr. Morgan, almost immediately after the opening of the session, resumed his remarks on the Statehood bill, but branched off on the subject of the proposed treaty with Colombia. He referred to the concordat of Pope Pius IX, which constituted a part of the organic law of Colombia, and said that the United States intended to put the heel of ignominious contempt upon it. He predicted a return of hostilities between the old church party in Colombia and the liberal party.

Taking up the subject of Mormon influence in politics, Mr. Morgan referred to the election of Mr. Smoot as Senator from Utah, and said he would never think of opposing his entry into the Senate because he was an apostle of the Mormon church, because religion in this country by the constitution is intended to be free and intended to be protected.

Reverting to the treaty with Colombia for the construction of an isthmian canal, Mr. Morgan said the United States intended to put the heel of ignominious contempt on the organic law of Colombia with respect to religious freedom and trample it under foot. "We are treating with those people," he said, "with the intent and purpose of destroying that law, or else for the purpose and under such circumstances as to disgrace the United States." He asked who was to reconcile the propositions when the Colombians contend for their organic religious law while the United States is contending for the constitution of the United States, and who would prevent a return of the hostilities now apparently closed between the old church party who maintained these dogmas and the liberal party who have been fighting them in every country.

He said the people of the United States are not going to listen to arguments against Mormonism in Utah or Arizona when we are straining every power for action upon a treaty with Colombia having such an organic religious law as he had referred to.

Mr. Depew followed in opposition to the Omnibus Statehood bill. He said that the head of the Mormon church, who is the spiritual and temporal guide of the Mormon people, was in a position to say to the leaders of both political parties, "what will you do to protect Mormonism?" If there is any fallibility in the world, he said, it is in the judgment at election time of the political leader of any party.

"If that is true," interrupted Mr. Patterson of Colorado, "why did the Republican party two years ago make a greater bid for the Mormon vote than did the Democrats?"

Replying, Mr. Depew said both parties made every possible bid, but the Mormons "trusted the Republicans," which caused laughter. He characterized the anti-polygamy section of the Statehood bill as a sham, and said there had been no proposition from the Democratic side to strengthen it.

Mr. Teller said that if a day would be set when a vote could be taken the Democrats would all join in strengthening the provision referred to.

At the conclusion of the executive session the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

In the executive session, which lasted only an hour and a half, the Senate ratified the Alaskan boundary treaty, and came near taking similar action on the commercial treaty with Greece, which was reported by Senator Cullom to-day from the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Greek treaty was read through by the clerk and then Senator Cullom asked that the resolution of ratification be acted on, but Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, objected. He said that he desired an opportunity to examine the provision in the treaty concerning consular trials. The principal purpose of the Greek treaty is the regulation of commerce between Greece and the United States. It contains full provision for the control of the consular service along the lines laid down in the recently negotiated Spanish treaty.

Senator Cullom asked the Senate to give up the day to-morrow after the conclusion of routine morning business to executive work, and no objection was made. Senator Quay, who has charge of the Statehood bill, gave his assent with others. It is Senator Cullom's intention first to take up the Panama canal treaty, and to follow that with the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The understanding still is that Senator Morgan will discuss the canal treaty at some length.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day made fair progress on the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, covering 86 of the 150 pages of the bill. The amendments of which Mr. Cannon gave notice yesterday for the completion of the east front of the capitol and the erection of an office building for members, were adopted, points of order raised against them being overcome by the adoption of a special rule making them in order. By the terms of the amendment $500,000 is appropriated for completing the main building of the capitol and a limit of $2,500,000 is fixed. For the site of the new office building $750,000 is appropriated for a site. The cost of the building is to be $3,100,000.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

The House Committee on Ways and Means to-day authorized a bill to be reported which provides that no package of manufactured smoking or chewing tobacco, snuff, cigars or cigarettes shall have anything packed in or attached to or in any way connected with it, other than the manufacturers' wrapper and the manufactured articles. Further provision is made that nothing shall be affixed or printed upon such packages, promising or offering any gift, prize or premium.

William Hooper Young, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Pulitzer, was a very sick man in the Tombs yesterday, suffering from a general nervous collapse.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

GREAT FIRE AT THE ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL.

Large Storehouse With Cavalry and Infantry Equipments Destroyed—The Loss About $1,500,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL., Feb. 11.—Shop "A," the principal issue store house at the Rock Island arsenal, was destroyed by fire to-night with its contents. The latter included cavalry and infantry equipments of every description, and one million rounds of Krag Jorgensen smokeless ammunition. The contents were worth $1,500,000. The building was a massive structure, three stories high, erected twenty years ago at a cost of $400,000.

The flames in the great government institution endangered property worth many times the amount lost. The fire was under control by 1 o'clock this morning, at which hour Major Blunt, the commandant, made the estimate of the loss given above. There were no casualties so far as known.

The Rock Island arsenal is the largest in the United States, comprising ten immense buildings and covering thirty acres of ground. It represents an expenditure of $12 000,000

COTTON STATISTICS.

Favorable Report Authorized on Representative Burleson's Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The House Committee on Ways and Means today authorized a favorable report on the bill introduced by Representative Burleson, of Texas, providing for the collection of cotton statistics, but amended it so as to have the collection made by the Census Bureau instead of the Agricultural Department, and further by striking out the provision for gathering wheat statistics. A tax of one mill on each bale of cotton is provided to defray the expenses of gathering the information. The bill requires all persons or concerns owning or operating cotton gins to report to the direbtor of the census at such times at he may direct the number of bales ginned during a prescribed period.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION.

Eight Men Were Burned and Injured. Two of Them Seriously.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Feb. 11.—A serious explosion occurred this afternoon at No. 11 colliery operated by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Plymouth, four miles from this city. Eight men were burned and injured, two of them seriously. From what can be learned a naked lamp carried by one of the men in the mine at the time ignited a feeder of gas in one of the chambers, which exploded with terrific force, causing havoc for hundreds of yards in what is called the Bonnett vein. Timbers were hurled in every direction, doors in the mine cut loose from their hinges and many of them were reduced to splinters.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

Government of Bulgaria Contemplating Mobilization of Troops—Uneasiness in Vienna.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SOFIA, BULGARIA, Feb. 11.—The government is contemplating calling out two army divisions, Sofia and Philipolis, furnishing one each. The concentration of Turkish troops on the Bulgarian frontier is given as the reason for this partial mobilization.

VIENNA, Feb. 11.—The news that the Bulgarian government is contemplating a partial mobilization causes grave uneasiness here. It is still hoped that Austria and Russia by energetic action will prevent the danger assuming alarming proportions.

PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

Hoped It May Be Ratified Before Close of the Present Session of Congress.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—President Roosevelt had an extended conference to day with Senator Hanna and Attorney General Knox. It is understood that consideration was given to the status of the Panama canal treaty, which is pending in the Senate, and to anti-trust legislation. An effort is to be made in a day or two to obtain consideration for the canal treaty and it is hoped that it may be ratified before the close of the present session.

DIVORCE GRANTED.

Decree Issued in Favor of the Crown Prince of Saxony.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

DRESDEN, Feb. 11.—The Crown Prince of Saxony was to-day granted a divorce from the former Crown Princess Louise, after several doctors had furnished expert testimony in the case. The decree reads:

"The ties of the marriage of the parties are dissolved on account of the adultery of the respondent with M. Giron, a teacher of language. The blame attaches to the respondent, who is ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings."

WARM WIRELETS.

The President has nominated John E. Albright for postmaster at Mt. Airy, N. C.

The plant of the Memphis Furniture Company was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, entailing an estimated loss of $50,000.

The Navy Department is informed that the battleship squadron left Ponce yesterday for Galveston, Texas, to take part in the coming celebration at that port.

A telegram from Kinston, N. C., says that Walter Houston, alias Hunter, a negro, was shot and killed there yesterday by police officers Dunn and Heath, who were trying to arrest him for burglary.

The capital stock of the Bay State Gas Company, of Massachusetts, was sold yesterday at public auction, and was purchased for $11,000,000 by Kidder, Peabody & Co., of Boston.

A New Orleans dispatch says that J. L. Friedman, travelling salesman for a New York jewelry firm, committed suicide there yesterday. Twenty thousand dollars worth of jewelry on his person has been taken in charge by the authorities.

A dose of Anways Croup Syrup given at first sign of croup will change that horrified expression on baby's face to a smile. It acts instantly, is harmless and is made for baby's coughs, colds and croup. 25 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

GERMANY IGNORES PRIOR AGREEMENT.

Insists on Cash Payment of $340,000 or Lien on Customs Receipts for the Amount.

BOWEN REFUSES TO YIELD.

Great Britain and Italy Renounce Any Responsibility for the Action of Germany and Express Their Regret--Greatly Embarrassed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 11.—Germany has ignored her previous agreement made with Mr. Bowen by Count A. Von Quadt, her charge d'affaires, and has insisted on a cash payment of $340,000 or a lien on the customs receipts of one of the Venezuelan ports until this amount is paid. This information was communicated to Mr. Bowen to-night by the Baron Spec von Sternberg, the German minister. Mr. Bowen immediately informed the German minister that he refused to yield the receipts of any port prior to The Hague's decision, saying that would be preferential treatment. As to the cash payment of $340,000 demanded Mr. Bowen left the matter to the German minister to determine, saying to him if Germany can afford to make a public confession that it does not stand by agreements signed by its duly accredited diplomats, he (Mr. Bowen) is willing that they shall receive on the day the protocol is signed, the total amount asked in the original ultimatum. The response has been cabled to the German Foreign Office.

Great Britain and Italy have renounced any responsibility for the action of Germany and expressed their regret. Through their representatives here they have informed Mr. Bowen that they will stand by all agreements they have made with him and will not be influenced by the action of Germany. Both the British and Italian protocols provide for a cash payment of five thousand five hundred pounds, and for the submission of the question of preferential treatment to The Hague. They contain recommendations for the renewal of all previous treaties of amity and commerce, and the Italian convention has an article providing for the payment of the Italian claims which already have been adjudicated without further arbitration, after her commission has arbitrated the other claims.

With the exception of the demand for an increased cash payment, the protocol of Germany in all essential respects will conform to that of Great Britain, but will be somewhat more concise. All three protocols, it is understood, will provide for the immediate return of all vessels seized by the blockading ships.

Both Baron Sternberg and Count Quadt feel greatly embarrassed because of the previous understanding and the present orders which they must execute. It is expected that an answer will arrive here to-morrow from Germany to the final representations made and upon the receipt of that answer the signing of the protocols probably will occur. As soon as they are signed orders will be dispatched to the blockading ships for their immediate withdrawal from Venezuelan waters.

BERLIN, February 11.—The Foreign Office continues to affirm that the point of difference between Minister Bowen and Germany is only of secondary importance, and that this is no new thing, but was included from the beginning, though it was perhaps not emphasized during the intermediate period of the negotiations. The three protocols will be signed at the same sitting, it is said, hence the British protocol will not be signed until Germany's is accepted by Mr. Bowen.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—According to a dispatch from Philliopolis, published in the *Standard* this morning, the Sultan of Turkey is absolutely resolved to fight rather than accept reforms calculated to diminish his authority in Macedonia. The Macedonians, however, says the correspondent, will not wait, and Turkey will almost inevitably be drawn into war with Bulgaria.

VIENNA, Feb. 11.—Dispatches from Sofia report that martial law was proclaimed in several districts with a view to increase the agitation among the Macedonians.

There are rumors of conflicts between the Turks and the revolutionists, the Turks losing many men. The revolutionists are reported to be gaining a number of recruits.

FIRES AT TAMPA, FLA.

Block of Warehouses Burned—Losses About $50,000, Insurance $35,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TAMPA, FLA., Feb. 11.—Eight fires broke out here and were raging at the same time to-day in different sections of the city. A block of wholesale warehouses on Whitney street, including the Cudahy Packing Company, Tampa Fertilizer Company, Caruthers Produce Company, S. A. Edwards, W. H. Osborne, J. K. Parrish and Walter Wills Company, was burned. The entire loss was about $50,000, with $35,000 insurance. Labor Hall was gutted by fire and the Tampa Furniture Company's mattress factory was destroyed, with several smaller concerns.

GAUTEMALAN TROUBLE.

Announced That Entire Republic is Declared in a State of Siege.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—Advices received here from Guatemala announce that the entire republic has been declared in a state of siege.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The State Department has not yet been informed of the reported declaration of war between Salvador and Honduras on the one side and Guatemala on the other, although it has ministers or agents at the capitals of those countries whose duty it is to report immediately so serious an an event.

An Asheville dispatch last night said: Dr. Curry had a fairly good day and at midnight he is resting easily. His condition shows some improvement over the past two or three days.

Burnett's Vanilla Extract is the fixed standard of excellence. It has outlived criticism. It is the finest and purest vanilla extract that can be bought.

Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic will drive out every trace and taint of Grip Poison from the blood and do its work quick and do it right. Old and neglected cases of Grip are quickly cured by a course of this wonderful medicine. Write to A. B. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga., for Agency. †

STATE GUARD ACCEPTS DICK BILL.

Injunction Against Collection of Income Tax on Judge Purnell's Salary.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 11.—The convention of State Guard officials here to-day adopted resolutions accepting the provisions of the Dick bill and appointed a committee, consisting of Col. Bain, Gen. Royster, Col. Armfield and Lieut. Brandon, to amend or add to the State law for the guard to conform with the requirements of the Dick bill.

Judge Simonton, of the U. S. Court of Appeals, to-day enjoined Sheriff Page, of Wake county, against collecting income tax from Judge Thos. R. Purnell, of the Eastern District of North Carolina, the injunction being returnable at Charleston, S. C., Feb. 24th. The sheriff was proceeding to force collection under orders from the Corporation Commission. All other judges and government officials in the State are privileged to become parties to this, which is a test suit, their contention being that their salaries are not liable to a State income tax.

MOVING THE FERTILIZERS.

Shipments So Heavy Railroads Taxed to Provide Necessary Facilities.

[*Charleston News and Courier.*]

The movement of fertilizers out of Charleston is increasing so rapidly that the railroads are taxed to provide the necessary equipment for a quick service. Within the past ten days there has been a decided increase. Representatives of the railroads say that based on estimates from the fertilizer people, the total output will amount to at least 400,000 tons. This is considerably more than was sold last season, and it is accepted as an indication that the cotton acreage in this State will be greater than for many years past.

The car shortage has caused the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line no little uneasiness. It will take about 25,000 cars to move 400,000 tons of fertilizers. The railroads are making every effort, however, to get the freight out with as little delay as possible, and thus far there has been no great delay.

White Man Accidentally Shot.

A white man was accidentally shot last night about 10:30 o'clock in Burr & Bailey's alley. Sergeant Smith heard the pistol shot and went in to investigate. A bullet had entered the calf of the man's right leg and had imbedded itself between the bones in the leg. The injured man was given temporary attention by Dr. W. F. Stokes, and being a seafaring man, he was sent to the U. S. Marine Hospital. He gave no comprehensive idea of how the accident occurred.

Rapid Rise in Cape Fear.

The Weather Bureau yesterday afternoon sent out the following warning from Raleigh: "Owing to relatively high stage in Cape Fear, rains to-day will cause a rise to between 35 and 40 feet at Fayetteville within next two days."

An amendment to the general deficiency bill provides for the payment of $5,000 to the Italian government on account of the killing of two Italians in a riot at Erwin, Miss., in 1901.

The nomination of Robert B. Armstrong, of Illinois, as assistant secretary of the treasury has been confirmed by the Senate.

Champagne Comparison.

Of a total importation of 380,708 cases by all brands of champagne in 1902, G. H. Mumm & Co.'s Extra DRY reached over 126,000 cases, being 407,304 bottles more than any other brand. The magnificent quality and natural dryness of the Extra Dry of the now celebrated 1898 vintage, justly puts it in a unique position of preeminence. †

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Cabbage, Cabbage—Just received, Car of fine Danish Cabbage. Also Bananas, Apples, Sweet and Irish Potatoes, Butter, &c. Both 'Phones. A. B. Winstead. feb 6 tf

To Exchange—I have a fine deer dog which I wish to exchange for a first-class opossum and coon dog. Address, John G. Wagner, care F. W. Ortmann, Wilmington, N. C. jan 30 tf

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will be paid for evidence sufficient to convict any one caught molesting or interfering with the sewer system by removing covers to manholes, throwing things in the sewers, or in any other way destroying the property, for which the City Ordinances provide a fine of $50 for each offence. All offenders will be rigorously prosecuted.

The Wilmington Sewerage Co.

jan 31 1m

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

LOW ROUND TRIP

Rates From Wilmington

Mardi-Gras, New Orleans, La., Feb. 18th 24th, 1903. Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th. Rate, $26.00. By deposit of tickets by original purchasers with Mr. Joseph Richardson, special agent, New Orleans, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th and upon payment of fee of 50 cts. per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained.

Mardi-Gras, Pensacola, Fla., and Mobile, Ala., Feb. 18th to 24th, 1903. Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th. By deposit of tickets by original purchasers (personally) with Jos. Richardson, special agent, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th, and upon payment of fee of 50 cents per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained. Rate to Pensacola, $22.45; to Mobile, $23.95.

W. J. CRAIG,
Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.

nov 15 tf

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, February 6, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,067,006 31
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,671 60
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		95,100 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		173,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.		18,060 63
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		30,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		100,989 33
Due from State Banks and Bankers		148,892 47
Due from approved reserve agents		67,426 89
Notes of other National Banks	$6,500 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	903 09	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$40 527 00	
Legal tender notes	83,580 00	131,760 09
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		4,700 00
Total		$1,843,896 92

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	39,402 39	164,402 39
National Bank notes outstanding		96,100 00
Due to other National Banks	203,065 94	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	320,455 02	
Dividends unpaid	155 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	783,994 41	
Cashiers checks outstanding	19,427 33	
United States deposits	175,800 00	1,461,897 60
Total		$1,843,896 99

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1903.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
W. E. WORTH.
J. H. CHADBOURN,
MATT J. HEYER.
} Directors.

feb 10 tf

Notice of Dissolution.

The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name and style of Vollers & Hashagen has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. H. L. Vollers, having purchased all of the interest of F. E. Hashagen in the said firm, is alone authorized to collect the debts owing to the said firm, and has assumed and will pay all the liabilities of the same.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1903, at Wilmington, N. C.

H. L. VOLLERS,
F. E. HASHAGEN.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having purchased all of the interest of F. E. Hashagen in the firm of Vollers & Hashagen, will hereafter conduct the business carried on by the said firm at the old stand under the name of H. L. Vollers.

Dated at Wilmington, N. C., this 7th day of February, 1903.

feb 8 tf H. L. VOLLERS.

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Orders for Plants, Floral Designs, Cut Flowers, Bouquets, &c., filled promptly and at reasonable prices.

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5,000 SKUNKS.
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2,000 MINKS.
1,000 OTTERS.

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Wilmington, N. C.

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sep 17 tf Purcell Building, Wilmington, N. C.

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Make Men's feet glad. They are the best that can be produced for Style, Wear and Comfort. We sell them in Vici, Calf and Box Calf, Bals, Bluchers and Congress.

Price $3.00 and $3.50.

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A Week of Wonderful Value Giving.

500 yards fine Wool Imported French Flannels in extremely desirable color combinations, an ideal material for Waists and Kimonas, goods which will be recognized at once as being

Worth 50c a Yard for 38c a Yard.

Also Black Flannel 38-inch wide at 15c yard. We only have 500 yards and advise those wishing to buy to call early in the week.

S. & B. Solomon.

feb 7 tf

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.,

At close of business, Feb. 6, 1903.

(Began business March 1, 1899.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$ 913,115 12	Capital	$ 200 000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	257 00 0	Surplus and Net Profits	87,151 77
Bank Bui ding	30,000 00	Circula ion	1 8 500 00
Cash on hand and in banks	623 587 70	Deposits	1,399 601 05
	$1,843,702 82		$1 843 702 82

Comparative statement of deposits.

February 6th, 1900, $372,527 14. February 6th, 1901, $400,290 53. February 6th, 1902, $693 322 71.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

feb 10 tf

Statement of Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business February 6th, 1903, condensed from report to Corporation Commission (Began business September, 1899.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$236,320 22	Capital Stock	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00	Profits, less exp nses and taxes paid	7,151 97
Cash on hand. Due from Banks	4,668 14	Accrued interest on deposits	1, 00 00
		Deposits	183 46 50
	$241,988 36		$241,988 36

MATT J. HEYER, President. H. H. J. AHRENS, Vice President

feb 10 tf MITCHELL F. ALLEN, Cashier.

Statement of The Peoples' Savings Bank,

OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of business February 5 h, 1903, condensed from report to Corporation Commission. (Began business April, 1900.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$ 395,195 91	Capital Stock	$ 30,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	199 90	Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11 076 00
Cash on hand and due from Banks	26,673 6	Deposits	380,964 31
Total	$ 422,069 31	Total	$ 422,069 31

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DEPOSIT.

February 6th, 1901, $303,914 15. February 6th, 1902, $397,234.37. February 6th, 1903, $380,925 31.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.

feb 11 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.

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THE JEWELER,

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no 29 tf 7 South Front Street

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30 W. NOBLE.